

[3rd March 1927]

**I****NEW MEMBER.**

The following Member was sworn in :—

The ZAMINDAR OF KALLIKOTA.

**II****QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**

*[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15 on the 4th December 1924.]*

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The President will call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other Member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a Member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other Member to put supplementary questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

**STARRED QUESTIONS****Excise**

*Prohibition of the sale of arrack and toddy.*

\* 198 Q.—MR. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of toddy and foreign liquor shops in the taluks in which prohibition of sale of arrack has been introduced at the commencement of the experiment and the years that have elapsed since then ;

(b) the consumption of toddy and foreign liquor at the beginning of the experiment and now ;

(c) whether any special report has been received on the working of the experiment ; and

(d) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House ?

A.—(a) The number of toddy shops in the five taluks before the closure of arrack shops was 62 in Shiyali, 99 in Tiruthuraipundi, 90 in Tiruvadanai, 40 in Tenkasi and 43 in Attur. There was one F.L. shop in each of the taluks of Tiruthuraipundi, Tiruvadanai and Tenkasi and none in the Shiyali and Attur taluks. About three years have elapsed since the commencement of the experiment.

(b) The Government have no information.